

January 7, 2002

Dear Transportation Service Provider:

The General Services Administration's (GSA's) Freight Program Management Office (FPMO) has posted to its website the new Request for Offers (RFO) and Special Filing Instructions (SFI) for the United States Mint (U.S. Mint) facilities located in Denver, CO, and Philadelphia, PA. The RFO and SFI may be viewed and/or printed at www.kc.gsa.gov/fsstt/. Once there, click on the "What's New" link and then click on the link to the U.S. Mint RFO posting. The open window for the submission of electronic rate offers is January 7, 2002, through February 4, 2002. Acceptable rate offers will have an effective date of March 1, 2002, through April 30, 2003.

Please note the following significant items:

1. Effective March 1, 2002, all previously accepted paper rate offers will no longer be considered when routing the identified U.S. Mint traffic; consequently, it is imperative that Transportation Service Providers (TSPs) submit new rate offers electronically in accordance with this RFO and its SFI if a TSP wants rates effective March 1, 2002. If a TSP does not meet the appropriate filing deadlines identified in Section 1-3 - Filing Period of the RFO and SFI, the TSP will have to wait until the next filing window before they can submit a rate offer for the identified U.S. Mint traffic;

2. Only those TSPs who have met the established approval requirements per the STOS No. 1-F, Section 2 – Participation, may submit rate offers in accordance with this RFO and its SFI. Only those Tariff Publishing Agents and Rate Filing Service Providers who have a valid Trading Partner Agreement on file with the FPMO and have met all other approval requirements established by GSA may submit rate offers on behalf of approved TSPs. If a TSP is not currently approved in accordance with Section 2 – Participation, the TSP can go to www.kc.gsa.gov/fsstt/, click on "Freight," click on "Standard Tender of Service (STOS)," and then click on "1-F Section 2, Participation" to obtain the appropriate approval requirements; and

3. If you are a current subscriber to the Inter-Agency Transportation Management System (ITMS) CD-Rom and intend to use its capabilities for the creation and submission of your rate offer for the identified traffic, you will need to contact the FPMO to request an updated version of ITMS as your current ITMS CD does not

incorporate the changes/additions contained in this RFO and its SFI. To obtain an updated version of ITMS, please contact Carey DeForest via e-mail at carey.deforest@gsa.gov or facsimile at 816-823-3656. If you do not intend to utilize the capabilities of ITMS to create and submit your rate offers, you will not need to obtain a new version of ITMS as nothing else has been changed from your current version.

If you have any difficulty accessing the RFO and SFI, please contact Carey DeForest at (816) 823-3646 or via e-mail at carey.deforest@gsa.gov.

Sincerely,

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